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RYDE, I.W.

THE 87th  
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1965

including the separate Report of the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE 1965  
(as constituted at 27th May 1965)

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Councillor Bourn	Councillor Wigmore
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*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,  
Ryde Borough Council*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The statistics relating to births and deaths do not reveal any significant changes. The illegitimate births totalled 38 compared with 40 for the previous year and the illegitimacy rate (12.1%) is still above the rate for England and Wales (7.7%). During the year the high illegitimacy rates have caused concern to the Health Committee and the matter has been brought to the notice of the County Council for further investigation.

Once more the majority of deaths were accounted for by cancer, stroke and coronary thrombosis. There was one death from tuberculosis but no other deaths from infectious diseases.

Over three hundred cases of measles were notified but the disease appeared mainly in a mild form. Information received during the year suggested that this disease may ultimately be controlled by immunisation.

Twenty-one cases of food poisoning were notified but none were seriously ill. In the incidents that were investigated there was no evidence of carelessness by food handlers in business premises.

Food Hygiene in the Borough of Ryde is probably above average. Vigorous efforts, however, continue to be made to improve the standards still further. The Ryde and Seaview Hotel and Guest House and Caterers Association has strongly supported the Health Department's efforts in this respect and this Association's support enabled a course in Food Hygiene to be introduced into the Winter syllabus of the Isle of Wight Technical College. It is anticipated that this course will now become an annual feature. It is encouraging to record that responsible people involved in catering and the sale of food, are now realising that an elementary knowledge of the science of food hygiene is an asset to business as well as a means of protecting the health of the community.



Although the elderly residents of the Borough are, generally speaking, well cared for, I have during the year had occasion to visit several old people who were in special need of care and attention. In such cases difficulties arise when those who have become senile refuse the assistance of the various services available and yet are unable to cope without them. Their living conditions deteriorate and become deplorable. In extreme cases statutory powers are available to remove them to somewhere where they can be properly cared for. Removing an old person from his or her home, however, is a measure which can cause considerable distress and this may lead to a rapid deterioration and even death. Unless, therefore, their insanitary mode of living is a danger to the community, one feels that to leave them where they are is the lesser of two evils.

Fouling of pavements by dogs has again continued to cause concern. Unless, however, members of the public are prepared to report and give evidence regarding specific incidents there appears to be no effective way of controlling this nuisance.

My thanks are again due to the staff of the department for their continued efficient work and loyalty.

Finally, may I respectfully express to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee my appreciation of their support during the year.

Yours faithfully,

D. W. QUANTRILL

*Medical Officer of Health*

## STATISTICS

## (1) GENERAL

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	...	7,876
No. of inhabited dwellings according to rate books (as at 31/3/66)	...	...	...	...	...	7,829
Rateable value (as at 31/3/66)	...	...	...	...	...	£747,839
Sum represented by 1d. rate (1965/66)	...	...	...	...	...	£2,975
Rainfall	...	...	...	...	...	34.81 inches
Sunshine	...	...	...	...	...	1,659 hours

## (2) VITAL

Population (Registrar's Figure)	...	...	...	20,710
BIRTHS	M.	F.		
No. of live legitimate births	145	131	...	276
No. of live illegitimate births	22	16	...	38
Live birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	...	15.2
Comparative factor (births)	...	...	...	1.19
Comparative Birth Rate	...	...	...	18.1
Live Birth Rate England and Wales	...	...	...	18.0
Total live and still births	...	...	...	320
	M.	F.		
No. of legitimate stillbirths	4	2	...	6
No. of illegitimate stillbirths	—	—	...	—
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	...	...	...	18.8
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	...	...	...	12.1
DEATHS	M.	F.		
Total number of deaths	163	170	...	333
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	...	...	...	16.1
Comparative factor (deaths)	...	...	...	0.75
Comparative death rate	...	...	...	12.1
Death rate England and Wales	...	...	...	11.5
No. of deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year of age	M.	F.		
	1	5	...	6
No. of deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year of age	4	—	...	4
Death rate all infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	31.8
Death rate legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	21.7
Death rate illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	105.3

Statistics—*Continued*

Infant Mortality Rate (England and Wales) ...	19.0
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	25.5
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate ... ..	25.5
Perinatal Mortality Rate ... ..	43.8
Maternal Deaths (including abortion) ... ..	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births ... ..	Nil

## CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	MALE		FEMALE	
Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	1	(1)	—	(—)
Tuberculosis, other ... ..	—	(—)	—	(—)
Syphilitic disease ... ..	—	(—)	1	(—)
Diphtheria ... ..	—	(—)	—	(—)
Whooping Cough ... ..	—	(—)	—	(—)
Meningococcal infections ... ..	—	(—)	—	(—)
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	—	(—)	—	(—)
Measles ... ..	—	(—)	—	(—)
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	(—)	—	(1)
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	6	(2)	4	(—)
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	12	(8)	2	(3)
Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	—	(—)	5	(3)
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	—	(—)	4	(3)
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... ..	17	(15)	12	(12)
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..	2	(1)	—	(—)
Diabetes ... ..	1	(—)	2	(2)
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	16	(24)	33	(25)
Coronary disease, angina ... ..	37	(34)	22	(23)
Hypertension with heart disease ... ..	4	(4)	3	(3)
Other heart disease ... ..	16	(17)	32	(39)
Other circulatory disease ... ..	1	(3)	7	(8)
Influenza ... ..	—	(—)	—	(—)
Pneumonia ... ..	8	(8)	6	(14)
Bronchitis ... ..	10	(5)	4	(1)
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	(2)	—	(1)
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..	3	(1)	2	(—)
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ..	2	(—)	1	(—)
Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	—	(—)	2	(—)
Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	1	(1)	—	(—)
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..	—	(—)	—	(—)

Causes of Death—*Continued.*

Congenital malformations	...	...	1	(1)	—	(1)
Other defined and ill-defined diseases			12	(8)	23	(16)
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	5	(2)	1	(1)
All other accidents	...	...	2	(2)	1	(4)
Suicide	...	...	5	(—)	3	(1)
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	—	(—)	—	(—)
ALL CAUSES	...	...	163	(139)	170	(161)

N.B.—Figures for 1964 are entered in brackets.

**Prevalence of Infectious and other Diseases.**

Disease.	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	1	—	—
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection...	—	—	—
Meningitis (Unspecified)...	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	—	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis (Infective) ...	—	—	—
Measles ...	331	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	12	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ...	21	—	—
Malaria ...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic) ...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic) ...	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever ...	—	—	—
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	3	1	1
Tuberculosis (Meninges & C.N.S.)	—	—	—
Tuberculosis (Other)	1	—	—
Totals ...	370	1	1



# Age at Date of Notification

Age	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Malaria	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Whooping Cough	Measles	Meningococcal Infection	Meningitis (Unspecified)	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Acute Encephalitis (Infective)	Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	Acute Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	Tuberculosis (Meninges & C.N.S.)	Tuberculosis (Other)	Paratyphoid fever
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	34	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	147	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	1	—	—	1	—	—	12	331	—	—	—	—	21	—	—	—	3	—	1	—



### Food Poisoning Outbreaks

Total number of outbreaks	...	...	...	...	12
Number of cases	...	...	...	...	21
Number of deaths	...	...	...	...	Nil

### Infectious and Other Diseases Return from Head Teachers of Schools

Mumps	...	...	...	3
Chicken Pox	...	...	...	13
Measles	...	...	...	53
German Measles	...	...	...	7
Impetigo	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	10
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### Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Acts, 1944

Number of samples taken during 1965	...	...	74
Number of samples found to be T.B. positive	...	Nil	
Number of samples in which Brucella Abortus was isolated	...	...	4

### Tuberculosis, 1965

AGE PERIODS		Totals	New Cases				Totals	Deaths			
			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
0 and under	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	„	„	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	„	„	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	„	„	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	„	„	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	„	„	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	„	„	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	„	„	45	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
45	„	„	55	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	„	„	65	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	„	„	75	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
75 and over		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	...	*6	5	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—

\*This total includes 2 transfers from the Mainland.

**Table showing the number of new cases and deaths from Tuberculosis during the period 1955-1965.**

<i>New Cases</i>				<i>Deaths</i>		
	Pulm.	Non.-Pulm.	Total	Pulm.	Non.-Pulm.	Total
1955 ...	4	5	9	—	1	1
1956 ...	6	2	8	2	—	2
1957 ...	15	1	16	—	—	—
1958 ...	11	1	12	2	—	2
1959 ...	12	3	15	1	—	1
1960 ...	17	—	17	2	—	2
1961 ...	9	—	9	1	—	1
1962 ...	11	1	12	1	—	1
1963 ...	8	2	10	3	—	3
1964 ...	10	—	10	1	—	1
1965 ...	5	1	6	1	—	1

### **Child Welfare Clinics**

<i>Name of Clinic</i>	<i>Place where held</i>	<i>How often held</i>
Ryde ...	Well Street	Every Wednesday and *Friday 2.30—4.30 p.m.
Binstead ...	The Institute	Every Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.
St. Helens ...	Lower Green Methodist Sunday School	First Thursday, 2.45 p.m.
Seaview ...	Methodist Sunday School	First Monday, 2.30 p.m.

*\*Doctor in attendance*

# Factories Act, 1937.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1965, for the Borough of Ryde, in the County of the Isle of Wight.

## Part I of the Act

1.—**Inspections** for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	113	43	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total ...	121	45	—	—

## 2. Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) ...	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	—	2	—	—	—



## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,  
Ryde Borough Council*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my sixteenth Annual Report, permission having been received from the Medical Officer of Health to do so as a separate part of his Report.

My Report follows the layout used in previous years, being divided into four sections. Where figures appear in brackets they refer to the previous year.

I will confine my preface remarks to expressing an omnibus thanks to everyone who at some time or another has been of assistance in the activities of the Public Health Department during the year under review and, in particular, may I thank the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health and the other departmental Chief Officers and their staffs for their co-operation. In particular, I would point out that my Assistant, Mr. Jordan, who, in the main, is responsible for the Ryde town area, has had a very busy year, and coped with many varied and difficult problems in a most thorough and efficient manner. In the office, Miss Boyce, who is our sole clerk, has found it difficult to keep pace with ever increasing clerical work in the Department, and we are faced with a likelihood of records, etc., falling seriously in arrear which, if it occurs, will be most unfortunate and detrimental, since we have prided ourselves to date in having an up-to-date and efficient records system.

Mr. Goble, the Rodent Operative, too, has again dealt efficiently and effectively with his particular work, and the public have received good service whenever they have requested it.

Also, throughout the year, we have had the services of Mr. Rugman for administration duties under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, as a result of which the work called for by the Act is well in hand and progressing very satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

STANLEY DUNMORE

*Senior Public Health Inspector*

Section I—Sanitary Circumstances

Complaints

290 (247) general complaints were received and dealt with during the year. This figure does not include complaints concerning rodent infestations.

Water Supply

An adequate supply of pure and wholesome water was maintained to all parts of the Borough by the I.W. River & Water Authority throughout the year, and the Authority's Engineer has had no special comments to make, and reported the following information concerning local supplies:—

Routine sampling of the supply to the area was carried out by the Water Authority's Inspectors, and 131 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination. 127 were satisfactory, and 4 suspicious. Modern chlorination equipment is installed at the sources serving the Borough.

The water is not liable to plumbo solvency.

No contamination of supplies has occurred.

No chemical analyses were taken in the area during 1965. Previous chemical analyses have shown the fluoride content to be less than 0.1 parts per million.

There are approximately 7,829 inhabited dwellings in the Borough, with a population of 20,710. All houses, etc., are connected direct to the mains supplies, and no wells or stand-pipes are in use.

Mains water is supplied to:—

Domestic Premises	...	...	...	...	7,464
Commercial Premises	...	...	...	...	1,180
Industrial Undertakings		...	...	...	32
Other Undertakings	...	...	...	...	8
Entertainment and Recreational Premises				...	51
Education and Cultural Premises			...	...	24
Crown Premises	...	...	...	...	22
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	199
					<hr/> 8,980 <hr/> <hr/>

## Drainage Matters

The bulk of the Borough's foul drainage, and much of its surface water, is discharged, untreated, through long outfalls, well beyond low-water mark, into the strong currents of the Solent flowing eastwards into the open sea.

Much successful work has been done to reduce the surface water load on the sewers. However, a flood problem, which occurs during very heavy rain conditions, persists in the Strand, West Hill Road, Simeon Street Recreation Ground area, and means to remedy this continue to be investigated in co-operation with the I.W. River and Water Authority.

The purification works at Havenstreet and St. Helens have dealt satisfactorily with the sewage there.

It can be said that the arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal are reasonably adequate in the Borough, except that the carrying out of the Council's schemes to sewer the Fishbourne and Kitehill districts are urgently necessary. These schemes have been finalised and now only await the necessary Ministry approvals. A small area which, in my opinion, warrants consideration for sewerage, although of less urgency, contains the properties in Corbett Road and the western end of Playstreet Lane.

The Council's mechanical emptier has adequately dealt with the septic tanks and cesspools which serve small groups and individual houses within the Borough—a small total in all.

Alterations or new drainage works relative to existing buildings are supervised by myself or Mr. Jordan. 50 such works have been supervised, including 4 which necessitated action under Section 24, Public Health Act, 1936.

## Public Cleansing

This service is operated by the Borough Surveyor. All districts in the Borough receive at least a once-weekly collection, and a trade refuse collection service is also provided.

An estimated total of 13,000 tons was collected and dumped at Nettlestone. The Public Health Committee has continued to explore alternative methods of refuse disposal made necessary by the limited 'life' of the tip. Ultimately some type of compostion plant seems to be the likely and most satisfactory solution.

Methods of refuse collection have been under active consideration by the Public Health Committee, and, to assist



them, the Borough Surveyor carried out a works study, during the autumn, which included consideration of the collection of full bins by the refuse vehicle teams, and householders to return the empty bins themselves—much opposition to this scheme resulted, and it was subsequently withdrawn. The introduction of paper bag storage was also considered, and, after illustrating films were seen, it was decided to introduce, in the first instance, a pilot scheme on the Council's Binstead housing estate, and also to encourage hotels and eating establishments to adopt this storage method. I hope that the next Annual Report will show encouraging progress.

The Council's fleet of vehicles required to collect the domestic and trade refuse comprises one continuous loader, three compressor-type vehicles, and two side loaders.

The tip has received regular checks by the Rodent Operative, and, during the summer, exposed surfaces of refuse received regular spraying with suitable insecticides.

The amount received from salvaged paper and cardboard showed a very considerable and welcome increase over last year, namely £1,187 (£387), brought about by the Government's import duty on wood pulp. £42 was obtained for salvaged rags and metals. A salvage incentive scheme for the Council's refuse collectors is in operation.

### **Verminous Premises**

Disinfestations, including the general cleansing of one insanitary dwelling, were carried out at 37 premises. None of the infestations proved unduly difficult to deal with, and were readily eliminated. There were 20 cockroach, 4 flea, 1 bug, 7 ant and 5 fly infestations dealt with. Also, 60 wasps' nests were destroyed during the summer and autumn.

### **Rodent Control**

The rodent (rats and mice) destruction service is operated by the Department, which provides a contract service for 69 business premises and a free service for householders. Business premises not having a contract were treated if requested, and charged for work done. Mr. Goble, our Rodent Operator, again dealt efficiently with the necessary destruction work, and some details of what this involved are set out as follows:—

During the year, 449 complaints were received, and 3,819



visits were made for the purpose of treatments and routine inspections.

<i>Council Properties</i>			<i>Dwellinghouses (including Council Houses)</i>			<i>Agricultural Premises</i>			<i>All other premises (including Business Premises)</i>		
<i>Infested</i>			<i>Infested</i>			<i>Infested</i>			<i>Infested</i>		
<i>Inspec- ted</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>	<i>Inspec- ted</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>	<i>Inspec- ted</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>	<i>Inspec- ted</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
37	14	2	498	325	57	33	20	3	169	40	32

Also a 10% baiting of sewer manholes was undertaken, and, of the 50 manholes baited, subsequent examination revealed that rats were present in only one of these. Two maintenance treatments of the infested manhole and those adjacent to it resulted in the infestation being eliminated.

In addition, Mr. Goble commented that during the past year a further improvement had been evident regarding infestation of business premises, complaints of both rats and mice being fewer and of a minor nature. There was, however, an increase in the number of complaints involving private dwellinghouses, due, no doubt, to prolonged periods of inclement weather which caused rats, mice and even field mice to invade many properties. All these were effectively controlled, but the very wet conditions delayed considerably the treatment of farms and smallholdings.

Referring again to complaints from private houses, it was found that, in a large number of cases, the trouble was directly due to the indiscriminate and extravagant feeding of wild birds with bread and kitchen scraps, a practice which may be desirable in the depths of winter, but certainly not throughout the year. All efforts to discourage this activity seem to be of no avail.

Public parks, allotments and certain areas of the foreshore have been inspected from time to time, and treated when necessary.

In an endeavour to reduce operating cost, an experiment is in progress using an inexpensive by-product from a local industry as a bait base for rat poison, and, should this substance prove to be acceptable to rodents, a useful saving will be effected.

Contact has been maintained with the County Pests Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, whose interest and advice have been appreciated.

### **Caravans and Camping**

Camping activities in the Borough, both caravan and tentage, call for limited comment. Four of the five caravan sites have permanent licences, none is very large, and they are very efficiently operated: the fifth site has made further improvements during the year, but continues to operate under a temporary licence for the time being.

There are also four licensed tentage sites in the Borough. Again, none of these is large, all are adequately equipped, and, in particular, the small site at Binstead has been much improved. Because of the popularity of camping at the height of the holiday season, these sites were quite unable to meet all the enquiries received for accommodation, but fortunately this did not result in any significant use of land unequipped for camping purposes elsewhere in the Borough.

There is also a well equipped permanent site at Nettlestone, owned and used by the Bucks Schools Camp Association during school holidays. In addition, there are several other organisations (Boys Brigade, etc.) who also have permanent, well equipped sites which operate for a limited holiday period—these, too, are satisfactorily operated.

### **Swimming Pools**

There are no public swimming pools in the Borough—there are two privately-owned pools at Warners' Puckpool and St. Clare Camps, and a covered, heated pool at the Nodes Holiday Centre, and the three have adequate filtration and chlorination plants, which are efficiently operated. During the summer, routine sea water samples taken from the open-air swimming pool of a large hotel within the Borough proved unsatisfactory, and, as a result of representations to the management, they agreed to substitute mains water and to instal a suitable filtration and chlorination plant.

14 samples were taken for bacteriological examination, only 4 of which were unsatisfactory, and three of these were from the pool referred to above.

### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

As I have already mentioned, Mr. Rugman has carried out the duties in the Department as required by this Act. The year's work is summarised as follows:—

The number of premises registered in the Borough of Ryde under the above Act for the year ending 31st December 1965, is 345: an increase of 11 on the previous year. The number of different kinds registered under the Act and a broad analysis of persons employed therein by workplace are as follows:—

#### Registration

Offices	...	...	...	...	87
Retail Shops	...	...	...	...	187
Warehouses	...	...	...	...	9
Catering and Canteen	...	...	...	...	61
Fuel Storage Depots	...	...	...	...	1
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#### Persons employed by workplace

Offices	...	...	...	...	750
Retail Shops	...	...	...	...	881
Wholesale, etc.	...	...	...	...	80
Catering Establishments	...	...	...	...	586
Canteens	...	...	...	...	8
Fuel Depots	...	...	...	...	8
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Of this total 723 are males

1590 are females

The number of visits of all kinds made to registered premises under the Act, for the year, was 686.

At the initial inspection, employers were at first advised verbally what was required to remedy any defaults under the Act. This was followed up by further visits at a later date to see that the matters in question had been attended to. In many cases, the requirements of the Act had been duly complied with, but, in those premises where the defaults had not been remedied, an Informal Notice was served on the persons responsible. The total number of notices served was 45. This had the desired effect in many instances, and later visits showed that, by the end of the year, 31 of the premises had complied with the Act. However, it was found that a great



number of occupiers were unaware of the requirements of the recent Regulations "The Information for Employees Regulations, 1965", which came into force on 1st June 1965, until these were pointed out to them.

Seven accidents were reported under the Act. Most of these occurred in retail shops. Six were investigated, but none was attributed to any breach of the Act. The seventh was of a minor nature which called for no further action. None of the accidents was in connection with the use of machinery.

Up to the end of the year, no applications for any exemptions had been received.

In November last, a lighting survey was made, with the use of the Protimeter Photometer, to assess the lighting standards in registered premises. A proportion of offices, shops, etc., were inspected which represented a reasonable cross section of all registered premises. This data was submitted in a report to the Ministry of Labour.

### **Factories Acts, 1937-59 and 1961**

There were 121 (125) premises registered as factories in the Borough, of which 113 (116) have power installed. With the exception of several newly established factories engaged in light industries, which employ fairly large numbers of persons, the factories are small.

### **Common Lodging Houses**

There are no registered common lodging houses within the Borough.

### **Noise Abatement Act, 1960**

Only one complaint was lodged during the year—excessive noise at night caused by radios, etc.—resolved by an informal request.

### **Summary of Inspections and Visits**

Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	144
Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	156
Re-visits to Premises under Notice—Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	137
Interviews with Owners, Agents, Builders, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	652



Work in Progress	...	...	...	...	...	175
Insanitary Houses and Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	32
Verminous Premises or Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	11
National Assistance Act	...	...	...	...	...	8
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	12
Drainage Inspections and Tests	...	...	...	...	...	355
Septic Tanks, Cesspools, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	16
Camping Sites, Caravans, Tents and Houseboats	...	...	...	...	...	60
Stables, Piggeries, Poultry, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	5
Factories, with Power	...	...	...	...	...	43
Factories, without Power	...	...	...	...	...	2
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	...	...	686
Foreshores, Streams, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	20
Vacant Land and Dumps	...	...	...	...	...	64
Common Yards and Passages	...	...	...	...	...	16
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	15
Clean Air Act—Smoke Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	7
Rodent Infestations	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dangerous Structures	...	...	...	...	...	23
Noise Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	6
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	...	...	...	153

### Nuisances Abated and Defects Remedied

Drains and Sec. 24, Public Health Act, 1936, Sewers Cleared of Obstructions	...	...	...	...	55
Drains and Sec. 24, Public Health Act, 1936, Sewers Repaired, Reconstructed or Altered	...	...	...	...	50
Inspection Chambers Provided or Repaired	...	...	...	...	12
Cesspools Cleansed or Repaired	...	...	...	...	—
Disposal Plants, Installed, Repaired or Cleansed	...	...	...	...	1
Offensive, etc., Accumulations Removed	...	...	...	...	9
Dirty Premises Cleansed	...	...	...	...	1
Contraventions Remedied in Factories, etc.	...	...	...	...	2
Contraventions Remedied in Camping Sites, Caravans and Houseboats	...	...	...	...	3
Dangerous Structures Made Safe or Demolished	...	...	...	...	6
Smoke Nuisances Abated	...	...	...	...	1
Animals—Nuisances Abated	...	...	...	...	1
No. of Premises made to comply with O.S.R. Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	31

## Section II—Housing

The Council's housing units number 779 (744), comprising 14 four-bedroomed houses, 440 three-bedroomed houses, 230 two-bedroomed houses and flats, 29 one-bedroomed flatlets and bungalows and 66 bed/sitting-room units. These units are situated in varying sized housing estates, sited in the several districts (except Seaview) which make up the Borough.

Mr. R. Lugg is the Council's Housing Officer, and he reports that he received 191 (155) new applications for housing units, bringing the total on his registers to 352 (205 for general housing and 147 for old people) at the end of the year. 54 applicants were re-housed during the year.

The Council's house building programme, which got under way again in 1964, resulted in the completion of 40 new units during the year. Also, the Council commenced to demolish the 50 pre-fabs., and the two estates now used for this purpose will eventually be re-developed with permanent dwellings. 6 such pre-fabs. had been demolished by the end of the year.

The local building industry has again been very active throughout the year, as indicated by the rapid growth of several new housing estates in the town suburbs and at Seaview, Nettlestone and St. Helens. In addition, there has been much "in-filling" in the already developed parts of the Borough. The Council's Building Inspector (Mr. R. Bartrum) reported that 340 plans had been received in his office—almost as many as in 1964. The rapid local private house building progress is indicated by the fact that, in 1965, 196 houses were completed (1964—147: 1963—62). In addition, 7 buildings were converted to provide 37 units of accommodation.

Advances under the Council's S.D.A.A. scheme continued at about the high rate of 1964, namely 131 (133). Discretionary Grants (30) and Standard Grants (25) were likewise similar.

The Council's second Slum Clearance Programme was scheduled to have been completed at the end of the year, but, because of difficulties in re-housing displaced persons, and limited progress in dealing with a number of properties situated in the Oakfield re-development scheme, a small number of scheduled dwellings remain to be dealt with. During the year, Closing Orders were made in respect of 7 houses and 5

“parts of buildings”; an Undertaking to carry out works to make the premises fit for human habitation was accepted in respect of 1 basement flat; 2 houses and 2 basement flats previously closed were made fit and the Undertakings and Closing Orders cancelled; 6 properties on which Closing Orders or Undertakings were operative were demolished.

No action has had to be taken in connection with the Rent Act, 1957.

### **Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year**

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	215
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	482

### **Details of Inspections, Visits, etc.**

Complaints ... ..	98
Public Health Act ... ..	111
Re-visits to Premises under Notice—Public Health Act ... ..	151
Housing Acts ... ..	104
Re-visits to Premises under Notice—Housing Acts ...	116
Interviews with Owners, Agents, Builders, etc. ...	567
Improvement Grants (Standard) ... ..	148
Improvement Grants (Discretionary) ... ..	50
Water Samples ... ..	4
Overcrowding ... ..	1
Rent Act ... ..	2
Miscellaneous ... ..	81

### **Nuisances Abated and Defects Remedied**

Chimneys and Stacks Repaired ... ..	3
Ceilings Repaired, Renewed or Provided ... ..	3
Dampness Abated ... ..	28
Doors Repaired or Renewed ... ..	4
Eaves Gutters Repaired, Renewed or Provided ...	11
Fireplaces Repaired, Renewed or Provided ... ..	1
Floors Repaired or Renewed ... ..	11
Food Stores Provided ... ..	34
Roofs Repaired or Renewed ... ..	25
Rainwater Pipes Repaired or Renewed ... ..	6



Ventilation Provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Walls (External) Re-pointed or Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Walls (Internal) Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	13
Windows Repaired or Renewed	...	...	...	...	...	11
Water Supplies Provided or Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Waste Pipes Cleared, Repaired or Renewed	...	...	...	...	...	2
New Bathrooms Provided	...	...	...	...	...	43
New W.C.'s Provided	...	...	...	...	...	39
W.C. Compartments Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
W.C. Pedestals Provided	...	...	...	...	...	40
W.C. Cisterns Provided, Repaired or Renewed	...	...	...	...	...	41
Wash-hand Basins Provided	...	...	...	...	...	40
Hot Water Supplies Provided or Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	40
New Dustbins Provided	...	...	...	...	...	8

### Section III—Inspection and Supervision of Food

The inspection and supervision of food is, of course, a very important part of the work of Mr. Jordan and myself, but it is one to which only a limited amount of time can be allocated, especially as regards routine inspections of food premises, and we have to, of necessity, largely confine our attentions to premises which we know to be, or liable to be, sub-standard. However, in fairness to the local food industry, including local caterers, praise must be given to their endeavours to maintain a good standard of hygiene in their premises and their service to the public, although this becomes increasingly difficult, especially for seasonal operators, who, because of scarcity of suitable local personnel, are having to employ imported labour, which is often from foreign countries without knowledge of our English laws appertaining to the food trade. Early in the year, a food hygiene film and related lecture was given, at the request of the local Hotel, Guest House and Caterers' Association, to its members, a number of whom, in the autumn, enrolled for the Royal Society of Health Food Hygiene Certificate course being run at the Island's Technical College.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/66, the table below sets out details of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, grouped in categories of trade carried on in them, including information relating to Regulations 16 and 19:—



<i>Category</i>	<i>Total No. of Premises</i>	<i>Fitted to comply with Reg. 16</i>	<i>Reg. 19 Applicable</i>	<i>Fitted to comply with Reg. 19</i>
Bakehouses	13	13	13	13
Fishmongers and Poulterers	8	8	8	8
Butchers	18	18	18	18
Dairies and Milk Distributors	29	—	—	—
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	13	13	13	13
Grocers	60	60	60	60
Restaurants, Cafes, etc.	58	58	58	58
Licensed Premises (Full Licences)	65	65	65	65
Bread and Cake Shops	12	12	12	12
Fried Fish Shops	9	9	9	9
Hotels	24	24	24	24
Private Hotels and Guest Houses	(a) 100	(x)	100	(x)
Small Boarding Houses	(b) 250+	(y)	250+	(y)
Clubs	6	—	—	—
Confectioners	26	26	—	—
Totals	691	306	630	280

- (a) Estimated number of premises normally capable of sleeping 10 or more persons.
- (b) Estimated number of premises normally capable of sleeping less than 10 persons—in operation for short periods only.
- (x) Only a limited number of premises have been inspected—due to shortage of time and staff.
- (y) No small boarding-houses have been inspected.

### Meat Inspection

There are no slaughterhouses within the Borough—supplies of fresh meat come from Newport and nearby mainland counties. Two wholesale meat distribution depots are established—in Ryde and Binstead. The bulk of fish sold locally comes from the recognised fishing ports. Quality of both meat and fish has been good.

The following quantities of meat and tinned and packaged foods were condemned as unfit and destroyed:—

Meat (Home Killed)	...	...	...	171b.
Meat (Imported)	...	...	...	161b.
Poultry	...	...	...	511b.

Bacon	...	...	...	...	114lb.
Cooked Meats		...	...	...	235lb.
Beefburgers	...	...	...	...	70lb.
Sugar	...	...	...	...	28lb.
Cake	...	...	...	...	3lb.
Raisins	...	...	...	...	2lb.
Meat Pies, etc.	...	...	...	...	147
Frozen Foods	...	...	...	...	80 pkts. and 4
Chickens					
(Refrigerator breakdown)					
Meat, Milk, Fruit, Vegetables, Fish, etc. 1481 (1174) tins,					
jars and bottles					

In addition, it was necessary to destroy a large quantity of frozen foods from a premises seriously damaged by fire.

Food Analysis

During the year ended 31st March 1966, the Food and Drugs Authority (I.W. County Council) officials took samples of various food commodities, and submitted them for analysis, and the Chief Officer has supplied the reports thereon, which are as follows:—

Article	No. taken	No. unsatisfactory	Remarks
Milk (a)	120	34	32 failed Methylene Blue test 2 failed Phosphatase test 2 Channel Island deficient milk fat 1 deficient solids not fat
Milk (b)	44	3	
Iced Lolly	3	—	
Pork Sausages	1	—	
Hot Dog Sausages	1	—	Deficient in milk fat. Manufacturer advised
Soft Drinks	2	—	
Ice Cream	6	—	
Double Cream	2	—	
Milk Bread	2	1	
Pork Pies	3	—	
Liqueur Chocolates	1	—	
Champagne Perry	1	—	
	186	38	

Milk (a) Keeping quality  
Milk (b) Compositional quality

## Milk Supplies

32 (31) distributors are registered, and 9 (9) premises registered as dairies. All milk sold is designated, the bulk of which is pasteurised and supplied from a factory in Newport, and the remainder is pasteurised in a small plant operated by a local dairyman. All sampling is undertaken by the Food and Drugs Authority.

## Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16

Premises registered under the above Act and Section, and which comply with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, are:—

Registered for the Manufacture of Sausages and/or						
Preserved Foods	...	...	...	...	...	26
Registered for the Manufacture, Storage/Sale of						
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	125
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## Ice Cream

124 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream, the majority of which are shops which sell only wrapped ice-cream manufactured by the national producers. There are two local manufacturers, making ice-cream products in small, well equipped factories, who sell their products from their local shops and mobile vans which operate throughout the Island, and the national producers have storage depots on the Island, providing an excellent distribution service.

Both the local and national ice-cream products have been of a satisfactory quality and purity standard.

## Bakehouses

13 (15) bakehouses were in operation, none of which is underground. Except for three firms who manufacture and deliver bread, the bakehouses are small and attached to shop premises. The construction of a very large, new, fully automated bakery has been completed at Binstead. Such a factory contains highly specialised and complicated machinery, and requires expert supervision by the management.

### Licensed Premises

The 65 licensed premises in the Borough received inspections during the year, and a small number were required to make minor alterations or improvements to meet the requirements of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations. Operation and management of these establishments has been of a satisfactory standard. During the year, washing facilities have been installed in the customers' toilets at a number of public houses.

### Details of Inspections, Visits, etc.

Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Interviews with Owners, Agents, Builders, etc.	...						189
Re-visits to Premises under Notice—Food and							
Drugs Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Fishmongers and Poulterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Grocers and Other Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Ice-Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Restaurants and Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Food Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Hotels	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Milk Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Food Poisoning Enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	26

### Number of Food Premises in which Contraventions Remedied:

Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fishmongers and Poulterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Grocers and Other Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Restaurants and Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Hotels	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Food Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	1



**Summary of Notices Served (Sections I, II and III)**

Public Health Act (Informal)	...	...	...	125
Public Health Act (Formal)	...	...	...	7
Housing Act (Informal)	...	...	...	1
Housing Act (Formal)	...	...	...	10
Factories Act (Mechanical Power)	...	...	...	—
Factories Act (Non-Power)	...	...	...	—
Food and Drugs Act	...	...	...	47
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	45

**Section IV—Miscellaneous**

Duties carried out in addition to those contained in the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959, include the following:—

**Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936**

During 1965/66, commencing 1st May 1965, 39 premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit. (Total gallonage: 58,550). In addition, 12 Petroleum Mixtures Licences were issued. 80 visits were made to the petroleum establishments for the purpose of ascertaining that the Acts and Regulations were being complied with, and to inspect any work in connection with new installations, alterations or repairs.

**Shops Act—Closing Hours**

The Department is responsible for the compliance with “hours of closing” by shops within the Borough, as required by the Shops Act and several operative Closing Orders made by the Council.

**Hackney Carriages and Drivers**

The local byelaws governing hackney carriages licensed to ply for hire on the Council’s stands are administered by the Health Department, and this necessitated 74 inspections of the 41 licensed vehicles.

47 drivers for these vehicles are also licensed by the Council, and subject to similar surveillance.

**Pet Animals Act, 1951**

Four pet shops are licensed by the Council, and these have been operated in accordance with their conditions of licence. The Council required the proprietors to supply pamphlets with animals sold, advising on their care.

**Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963**

The same two establishments as previously licensed have had their licences renewed since both have continued to be satisfactorily operated and have maintained the required standards.

**Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952****Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962**

Mr. Jordan is the Officer responsible for the administration of the above-mentioned enactments, which require occasional observations of shops selling heating appliances.

**Lectures and other Educational Activities**

Mr. Jordan has again given his valued and appreciated assistance to the I.W. Group Hospital Management Committee by giving a series of lectures and demonstrations on public health subjects to the trainee nurses during their qualifying examination courses. As a result of invitations received, several talks on public health matters have been given to local organisations.

I attended the Annual Conference of Public Health Inspectors held at Blackpool in September, and Mr. Jordan attended a Week-end School held at Oxford in April, organised by the Public Health Inspectors' Association.



